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SUBJECT: GERMANY H1N1 UPDATE: 5,324 CONFIRMED CASES

REF: A) Berlin 906, B) Berlin 903 and previous.

¶1. (U) SUMMARY: The number of H1N1 infections in Germany rose by 879 cases to a total of 5,324 on July 30. The majority of new infections occurred abroad, mainly during travel to Spain. END SUMMARY.

¶2. (U) At its July 30 press briefing, the National Reference Center for Influenza at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) announced 879 new (laboratory and non-laboratory) confirmed cases of H1N1. This increases the total number of H1N1 cases to 5,324. New cases were distributed among all federal states: North Rhine-Westphalia (486), Baden-Wuerttemberg (72), Lower-Saxony (69), Hesse (49), Bavaria (34), Rhineland-Palatinate (33), Saxony-Anhalt (26), Saarland (26), Thuringia (25), Saxony (17), Bremen (14), Berlin (11), Brandenburg (9), Hamburg (6), Schleswig-Holstein (1) and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (1).

¶3. (U) According to RKI, the increase in the number of infections is mainly due to people returning from travel abroad (710 new cases), with most of the reported infections occurring while in Spain. Newly confirmed cases include laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 as well as non-laboratory-confirmed cases, mainly from people who have showed symptoms after being in contact with a patient who has been tested positive at a labor for the new virus. So far, all cases are reportedly mild.

¶4. (U) North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) remains the German state with the highest number of virus cases among all German states with a total of 2,184, followed by Lower-Saxony (971) and Baden-Wuerttemberg (511 cases). Less than 22 percent (1151) of all confirmed infections in Germany have resulted from domestic transmission.

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